

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to broadcast an anti-Kerry film just days before the election exemplifies the dangers of media consolidation. There is no pro-Kerry film given equal time.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, viewers are forced to see what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. We don't want to see something produced at "News Central" far away. It's more important that viewers see real people from their own communities and truthful news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.